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1 1. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
2 an application server component that receives an indication of one or more  
3 communication devices that are to receive one or more invitations to join a  
4 communication session;

5 wherein the one or more invitations comprise a phone call, a photo, and a short  
6 message service (SMS) message; and

7 wherein the application server component notifies the one or more  
8 communication devices of the one or more invitations to join the communication  
9 session; and

10 wherein upon acceptance of at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more invitations  
11 by at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more communication devices, the application  
12 server component connects the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more communication  
13 devices to the communication session.

1 2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more  
2 communication devices comprise one or more first communication devices; and

3 wherein the application server component receives the indication of the one or  
4 more first communication devices from one or more second communication devices.

1 3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the one or more  
2 second communication devices are involved in the communication session; and

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3 wherein the application server component notifies the one or more first  
4 communication devices of the one or more invitations to join the communication session  
5 with the one or more second communication devices.

1 4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the application  
2 server component identifies a match between the one or more invitations and the  
3 acceptance of the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more invitations; and

4 wherein the application server component employs the match to indicate to one  
5 or more control components a call identification of the communication session; and

6 wherein the one or more control components employ the call identification to  
7 connect ~~the one or more~~ at least one of the one or more first communication devices to  
8 the one or more second communication devices in the communication session.

1 5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the one or more  
2 first communication devices comprise a communication device, and wherein the  
3 application server component activates an indicator of an invitation of the one or more  
4 invitations on the communication device, and wherein the indicator persists until an  
5 action occurs on the invitation.

1 6. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the indicator  
2 persists on a display of the communication device, and wherein upon the acceptance of  
3 the invitation by the communication device, the user of the communication device  
4 employs the indicator to initiate a connection to the communication session; and

5 wherein the application server component connects the communication device to  
6 the communication session.

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1        7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the action  
2 comprises an acceptance of the invitation by the communication device; and

3        wherein upon receipt of the acceptance of the invitation by the communication  
4 device, the application server component sends one or more notifications of the  
5 acceptance of the invitation by the communication device to the one or more second  
6 communication devices.

1        8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the action  
2 comprises a withdrawal of the invitation by at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more  
3 second communication devices; and

4        wherein prior to an acceptance of the invitation, the at least one ~~or more~~ of the  
5 one or more second communication devices send the withdrawal to the application  
6 server component.

1        9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein upon receipt of the  
2 withdrawal, the application server component removes the indicator of the invitation  
3 from the communication device.

1        10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the action  
2 comprises a rejection of the invitation by the communication device; and

3        wherein prior to an acceptance of the invitation, the communication device sends  
4 the rejection to the application server component.

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1 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein upon receipt of the rejection,  
2 the application server component sends one or more notifications of the rejection to the  
3 one or more second communication devices.

1 12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the action  
2 comprises a completion of the communication session, and

3 wherein upon completion of the communication session prior to an acceptance of  
4 the invitation, the application server component sends a notification to the  
5 communication device of the completion of the communication session; and

6 wherein the application server component removes the indicator of the invitation  
7 from the communication device.

1 13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the  
2 communication session comprises a voice conference call, and wherein upon  
3 acceptance of an invitation of the one or more invitations by a communication device of  
4 the one or more communication devices, the application server component connects a  
5 user of the communication device into a voice conversation with one or more  
6 participants in the communication session.

1 14. (Currently amended) A method, comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving an indication of one or more first communication devices that are to  
3 receive one or more invitations to join a communication session with one or more  
4 second communication devices, wherein the one or more invitations comprise a phone  
5 call, a photo, and a short message service (SMS) message;

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6 activating one or more indicators of the one or more invitations to join the  
7 communication session on the one or more first communication devices;

8 receiving an acceptance of at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more invitations by  
9 at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more first communication devices; and

10 connecting the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more first communication  
11 devices to the communication session.

1 15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of  
2 receiving the acceptance of the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more invitations by  
3 the one or more of the one or more first communication devices comprises the steps of:

4 employing the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more indicators to initiate a  
5 connection to the communication session;

6 removing at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more indicators from the at least one  
7 ~~or more~~ of the one or more first communication devices; and

8 notifying the one or more second communication devices of the acceptance of  
9 the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more invitations by the at least one ~~or more~~ of the  
10 one or more first communication devices.

1 16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of  
2 connecting the at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more first communication  
3 devices to the communication session comprises the steps of:

4 matching the one or more invitations with the acceptance of the at least one ~~or~~  
5 ~~more~~ of the one or more invitations; and

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6 indicating a call identification of the communication session to one or more  
7 control components to connect the at least one or ~~more~~ of the one or more first  
8 communication devices with the one or more second communication devices in the  
9 communication session.

1 17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the at least one or  
2 ~~more~~ of the one or more invitations comprise one or more first invitations of the one or  
3 more invitations, the method further comprising the steps of:

4 receiving a withdrawal of a second invitation of the one or more invitations prior  
5 to receipt by the application server component of an acceptance of the second invitation  
6 by a communication device of the one or more first communication devices;

7 removing an indicator of the one or more indicators of the second invitation from  
8 the communication device; and

9 sending a notification of the withdrawal to the one or more first communication  
10 device.

1 18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the at least one or  
2 ~~more~~ of the one or more invitations comprise one or more first invitations of the one or  
3 more invitations, the method further comprising the steps of:

4 identifying a completion of the communication session prior to receipt by the  
5 application server component of an acceptance of a second invitation by a  
6 communication device of the one or more first communication devices;

7 removing an indicator of the one or more indicators of the second invitation from  
8 the communication device; and

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9 sending a notification of the completion of the communication session to the one  
10 or more first communication device.

1 19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the at least one of  
2 ~~more~~ of the one or more invitations comprise one or more first invitations of the one or  
3 more invitations, the method further comprising the steps of:

4 receiving a rejection of a second invitation of the one or more invitations by a  
5 communication device of the one or more first communication devices prior to receipt by  
6 the application server component of an acceptance of the second invitation; and

7 notifying one or more of the one or more second communication devices of the  
8 rejection of the second invitation.

1 20. (Currently amended) ~~An article~~ A computer-readable medium having  
2 computer executable instructions for performing steps, comprising:

3 ~~one or more computer-readable signal-bearing media;~~

4 means in the one or more media for receiving an indication of one or more first  
5 communication devices that are to receive one or more invitations to join a  
6 communication session with one or more second communication devices, wherein the  
7 one or more invitations comprise a phone call, a photo, and a short message service  
8 (SMS) message;

9 means in the one or more media for activating one or more indicators of the one  
10 or more invitations to join the communication session on the one or more first  
11 communication devices;



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12 means in the one or more media for receiving an acceptance of at least one or  
13 ~~more~~ of the one or more invitations by at least one ~~or more~~ of the one or more first  
14 communication devices; and

15 means in the one or more media for connecting the at least one ~~or more~~ of the  
16 one or more first communication devices to the communication session.

1 21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the communication session  
2 comprises a data session or a voice conference call.

1 22. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the indication comprises a phone  
2 number, an email address or an instant message account name.

1 23. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the indicator comprises an icon  
2 number, a tone and a light.